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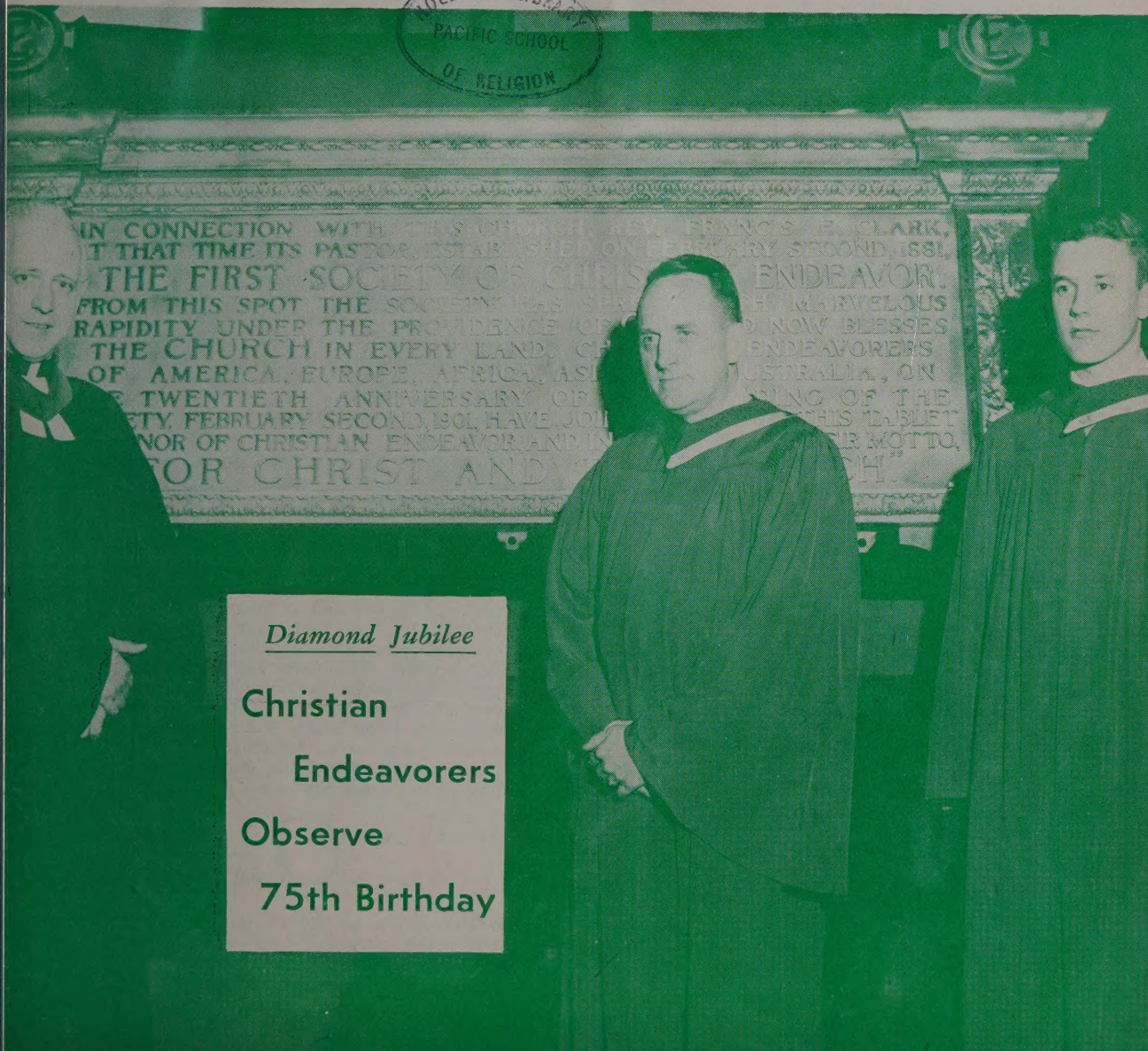
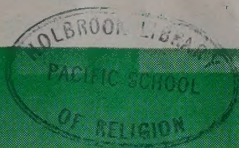
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Plaque is rededicated at Williston Congregational Church, Portland, Maine, at Diamond Jubilee service February 4. Shown (left to right) are Rev. W. Lloyd Williams, pastor; Rev. Earle W. Gates, president, International Society, and Kenneth H. Russell, Jr., president, Williston Christian Endeavor Society. The first society devotional meeting was held in Williston Church February 4, 1881.

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# Coming to You by Way of The General Secretary



## "A Light For Youth"

● A new glow is abroad. Fires have been rekindled. New ones have been started. Surely there is added light and help for youth with the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Christian Endeavor. There was reminiscing of the 75 years of the movement but the stress was on today and going forward. Highlighting the many observances throughout the world was the Pilgrimage to Portland. A glorious banquet and service were held at the birthplace of Christian Endeavor, Williston Congregational Church, Portland, Maine, February 4. President Earle W. Gates, of International Society, gave a challenge in an address on the theme, "A Light For Youth." A complete text of this message may be secured by writing to International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

## Quotes From Our Mail

● "I have been a prodigal from good old Christian Endeavor too long in following ideas of others. Our youth in this church need what I got years ago."—"I want to know more about Christian Endeavor. We have in our home a German-rural-teenager, an exchangee, who wears a C.E. pin."—"During Christian Endeavor Week we gained a young people's Society as a result of our television series."

## For Your Information

● Rev. Ernest H. Watson, former president of the Australian Christian Endeavor Union, arrives in the United States in March for a three month visit—Rev. James S. Mather, chairman of the Methodist Church in Ceylon and former president of the Christian Endeavor Union of that country, is planning to visit the United States in August and September—Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, vice-president, International Society, will be instructor of the Harwood School of Leadership of the United Brethren in Christ in Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana, April 23-27—Stanley J. Kersey has resigned as president of Delaware Christian Endeavor Union in order to prepare for the Christian ministry—H. Lewis Mathewson, member of Executive Committee of International Society, has been elected president of Presbyterian Men in the San Francisco area—B. McClain Cochran, field secretary of Pennsylvania Union, has been elected an elder of the Presbyterian Church of West Grove, Pennsylvania.

## "Thank You" Rev. Earle W. Gates, the Writer

● We say a loud "well done" and a hearty "thank you" to Rev. Earle W. Gates who has written the comments for the Senior-Young People's topics in *The Christian Endeavor World* since January, 1952. Mr. Gates concludes his authorship of the weekly articles with this issue. We reluctantly release him from the assignment he has done faithfully and with distinction. His heavy duties as president of the International Society and as pastor of First Church of Evans (Community), Derby, New York, cause him to give up this writing. Mr. Gates' comments have been simple, well-illustrated, provocative, and challenging. Thousands and thousands have been inspired and helped. Statistically speaking, Mr. Gates has written more than a quarter of a million words on the topics. This is the equivalent of five or more large books. We present to you briefly the new writer, Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart, pastor of Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Lititz, Pennsylvania. A longer introduction will be given in the next issue.

*Gene Stone*





Sterling T. Dow, 86, only living member of the group of 57 who started the first society of Christian Endeavor February 2, 1881, shows his name in the original minutes to President Earle W. Gates of International Society, at Diamond Jubilee service at Portland, Maine.



Mrs. J. Parker Paxson, daughter of Granville Staples, president of the first Christian Endeavor society, cuts the 75th anniversary cake at Williston Church celebration with Rev. Earle W. Gates.

“CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR has a divine commission today to yet do its greatest work,” Rev. Earle W. Gates, president of International Society of Christian Endeavor, declared at the Diamond Jubilee service conducted February 4 in the Williston Congregational Church, Portland, Maine, birthplace of the pioneer youth movement.

“Francis E. Clark was not led of God in vain,” Mr. Gates told the Endeavorers and friends at the 75th anniversary observance. “We go forward by going backward to the things in which he led us, into which he directed us. The need of the day is evangelism, leadership training among young people and adults. The theme today is ecumenicity, the ecumenical church, universal Christianity. Christian Endeavor is all of those things. It has long successfully pioneered and achieved in those fields.”

Mr. Gates reminded his audience that Christian Endeavor has come through many fires and stated, “And yet Christian Endeavor has lived! It thrived and grew and today we are stronger than we have been in recent years with a great and mighty set of doors opening before us, that if we have the vision and the wisdom and the courage to enter God will reveal great things. The fact that we are alive today is a miracle of God’s grace, only that.”

The Pilgrimage to Portland was of special significance of the thousands of services, rallies and other events conducted in celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Christian Endeavor during Christian Endeavor Week, January 29-February 5.

Rev. W. Lloyd Williams, pastor of Williston Congregational Church, presided at the service in Portland, Maine. Rev. Earle W. Gates spoke. Others who participated were Kenneth H. Russell, Jr., president of the Williston Christian Endeavor Society; Al Day, associate president of International Society, and Dr. Gene Stone, general secretary of International Society.

A bronze memorial plaque was rededicated. This was designed by H. B. Pennell, son of William H. Pennell, who was the first signer of the Christian Endeavor constitution. This plaque was originally placed at Williston Church in 1901, marking the 20th anniversary of the founding of the society.

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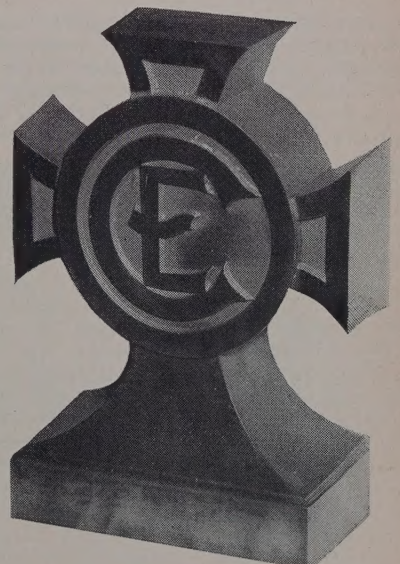
A bronze cross with the official Christian Endeavor emblem is shown at right. This is part of the plaque which was rededicated at anniversary service in the place of Christian Endeavor’s beginning.

## Williston Church

### Scene of

### 75th Anniversary

### Celebration





# ... And They Called the Town Endeavor

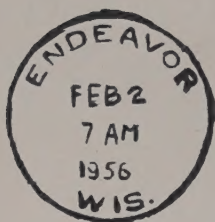
**Y**ES, there are two places in the United States that are named after Christian Endeavor.

They are found in Pennsylvania and Wisconsin and are called "Endeavor." The town in the Keystone State is some 50 miles south of Erie and the one in Badgerland is 12 miles north of Portage.

When a post office was organized at the town in Forest County, Pennsylvania, it was suggested that the place be called "Wheeler" after N. P. Wheeler who had a lumber business there. Mr. Wheeler, however, proposed that "as the people often spoke of going up to Endeavor for meetings of the Endeavor Society that this name be given." His suggestion was carried out. A Christian Endeavor society was formed at Endeavor out of which the Presbyterian Church was later organized.

An historical sketch of Endeavor, Pennsylvania, says, "During the 40 years in Pennsylvania that followed his arrival on horseback at Stowtown at the mouth of Hickory Creek in 1871, N.P. Wheeler had seen the community change from a lumber camp with loggers, lawless, godless, and with no minister to bury the dead, to a village where a strong church had grown up, preceded by a Christian Endeavor society; a community where Christian men and women lived and worked and brought the bright spirit of faith into all its life."

In Wisconsin, Endeavor was first known as "Merritt's Landing." A school was opened there in 1891 and was called "Christian Endeavor Academy" because the youth movement was sweeping the country and was very popular and also because a society had been organized in the Trinity Congregational Church. Shortly after the founding of the school it was decided to change the name of the post office to Endeavor. H. G. Churchill of Endeavor, advises that "A few years before the Academy closed its doors in 1925 Dr. Francis E. Clark sent a personal check to be used in the English Department for promoting public speaking."



## Kagawa to Speak at C.E. Meetings in Japan ...

The world-famous Japanese Christian, Toyohiko Kagawa, will speak at the Pacific Area Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union to be held in Japan July 30-August 2.

Announcement of Mr. Kagawa's participation in the meetings of Christian Endeavor leaders in Area I of the World's Union has been made by Dr. Daniel A. Poling. Rev. Akira Ebisawa, executive secretary of the Japan Christian Endeavor Union, is in charge of arrangements for the sessions which will be held in Karuizawa, near Tokyo.

Dr. Poling, head of the World's Union, will speak and preside at the business meetings when plans will be made for extension of Christian Endeavor work in the Americas, Asia, and in the islands of the Pacific.

A tour has been arranged for leaders and friends from North America. The party will leave Seattle, Washington, July 21. After visiting Alaska, the group will arrive in Tokyo July 24. Visitation of various parts of Japan will take place before and after the conference. Hawaii will be a place for visitation on the return trip, with Los Angeles as the terminal point of the tour August 8. The total cost for the all-expense, personally conducted tour is \$1,425. Further information can be obtained by writing to Harold E. Westerhoff, manager of tour department, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. A registration form is on page 18.



*Toyohiko Kagawa, well-known Christian leader in Japan, (center) is shown talking with a delegate at the meetings of the World Council of Churches in Evanston, Illinois, in August of 1954. Mr. Kagawa will be a speaker at the Area Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union to be held near Tokyo, in August. At the right of Mr. Kagawa is Vernon Hoffman, chairman of the Youth Assembly of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.*





## Endeavorers Celebrate Diamond Jubilee



**PINO YOUTH CELEBRATE (above)**—The Christian Endeavor Society of the First Evangelical Church in the City of Pablo, Philippines, observed the Diamond Jubilee February 2, 1931. The present-day leaders assembled February 4 during the Pilgrimage to Portland in what had been the parsonage of the Williston Congregational Church. The house at 62 Neal Street, Portland, Maine, is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Coburn. Pictured are: First row (left to right)—Eugene G. Alhart, Warren G. Hoopes, Phyllis G. Brown, Rev. Earle W. Gates, Robert C. Ross, Julian Moran, and Dr. Gene Stone. Second row (left to right)—Albert Day, Philip F. Chapman, Jr., Harold E. Westerhoff, Rev. J. Wesley Siebert, Dr. Robert W. Rash, Rev. Howard G. Teusink, Mrs. Ernest R. Bryan, Benjamin Hammond, Shirley Hammond, Carroll M. Wright, Nellie V. Griffin, and Allan J. Blair.

**WE SAW IT IN THE WINDOW (lower left)**—The Christian Endeavor story is told in "the show case" of the Union Bank Building, Philadelphia.



**LEADERS MEET WHERE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR BEGAN**—(Upper left)—Members of the Executive Committee of International Society of Christian Endeavor and other Endeavorers are shown in the room where Dr. and Mrs. Francis E. Clark and 57 youth gathered to organize the first society of Christian Endeavor February 2, 1831. The present-day leaders assembled February 4 during the Pilgrimage to Portland in what had been the parsonage of the Williston Congregational Church. The house at 62 Neal Street, Portland, Maine, is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Coburn. Pictured are: First row (left to right)—Eugene G. Alhart, Warren G. Hoopes, Phyllis G. Brown, Rev. Earle W. Gates, Robert C. Ross, Julian Moran, and Dr. Gene Stone. Second row (left to right)—Albert Day, Philip F. Chapman, Jr., Harold E. Westerhoff, Rev. J. Wesley Siebert, Dr. Robert W. Rash, Rev. Howard G. Teusink, Mrs. Ernest R. Bryan, Benjamin Hammond, Shirley Hammond, Carroll M. Wright, Nellie V. Griffin, and Allan J. Blair.

**PREPARE GEMS FOR JUBILEE (upper right)**—Youth work on decorations for the 75th Anniversary Celebration of Richmond (Virginia) Christian Endeavor Union. "Jewelers" are (left to right) Bobby Grose, Sandra Howell, and Joyce Vaughan.

**GOVERNOR LAUSCHE SIGNS PROCLAMATION (lower right)**—The Chief Executive of Ohio declared January 29-February 5 Christian Endeavor Week. Watching the governor are (left to right) Donna Beers, Lee Smith, Carol Owen, Robert F. Hildreth, Marilyn Burton, and Ronald Swint.





IS THE CHURCH interested in the success of its young adults, as they forge ahead in business and in the professions?

Yes—and I believe it should be.

Nor do I think the Church should offer excuses when it exhibits satisfaction because its sons and daughters achieve practical results in the workaday world.

Let such work be useful, honorable and a credit to Christian training. And let the Church summon its young foremen and assistant managers from their desks and benches, at closing-time, to voluntary activities calling for good use of the same talents. For the Church has many a practical job to do, many a need to meet—in teaching, social service, recreation, youth programs, property management, finance, publicity and organization.

#### Paul — Successful Tentmaker

The Apostle Paul was by occupation a tentmaker. Probably a good one. A man so industrious that, summoning God's help and blessing, he could lead the first great missionary movement was applying skills and qualities developed before he became the first great Christian volunteer. How God used that life! How blessed his writings were, comprising about half of the pages of the New Testament!

Among business leaders of a past generation there was an almost standardized axiom that the young man who was faithful in church attendance and other religious matters was "steady" and dependable enough to consider for promotion. He who seemed to be a good steward in spiritual matters should prove a good steward in practical affairs. There was merit to the idea, provided you were dealing with an employee genuinely interested in his Christian development and service, and not primarily concerned with making a good impression on the boss.

Then a period came in which many concerns disavowed any interest whatever in what an employee did in his "own time," provided he did not actually disgrace himself and his company in his leisure-time and family relationships.

More recently, we have heard of companies that encourage junior executives and executives-in-prospect to serve usefully in the community. The company president likes to

Drawing from Nation's Business

**SOME NEW CONSTRUCTION REVIEW FIGURES** tells us that three quarters of a billion dollars will be spent in 1956 for new religious buildings. The total includes Jewish, Catholic and Protestant construction.

"Churches in old established areas," says this report, "have become remote from many of their congregations, as the movement into the suburbs continues."

"In outlying areas, newer religious buildings prove too small to accommodate the increasing population."

Protestant churches alone need to spend *eight billions* by 1967, in building 105,000 new churches that will be needed.



#### To the Successful:

## A CHALLENGE

meet the salesman's wife, perhaps visiting in his home, before he considers him seriously as a candidate for district sales-management. The personnel pickers look at applicants in their full dimensions as human personalities rather than rating them solely according to school records and the experience gained in previous jobs.

It might be said that business judgments once again rely considerably on the church activities and spiritual and moral qualities of the one who seeks a position or might be in line for promotion.

#### Essentials for Achievement

Notice how the Church is concerned, and how its teachings and programs may contribute to those *essentials for true achievement in important work* which personnel managers and other executives are using today as guides in manpower selection\*:

1. *Character and honesty*—essential to any degree of success. Without these, there are no sound foundations on which to build a serviceable and satisfactory career.
2. *Good judgment*, acquired or developed through experience, study, observation and knowledge, is necessary for growth.
3. *Enthusiasm*, founded on one's abilities, his confidence in and respect for his employer, and keen interest in what he is assigned to accomplish.
4. *An open mind*, providing willingness to accept new ideas and formulas. If one cannot earnestly try out new procedures, he cannot keep pace with business progress and the needs of his fellow workers.
5. *Team work*, or ability to work with others. Studies show that 75 to 80 per cent of a business person's chances for success depend on ability to get along with other people.

\*Adapted from an address by P. C. Upshaw, Vice President and Operating Manager, Retail Credit Company, Atlanta and branches.

#### YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOP by Bert H. Davis

Fairness in one's dealings with others is vital in team work.

6. *Continuous study*, not only in one's special field but along broader lines as well. The person who achieves is always trying to learn and to improve himself.

7. *Cultivation of outside interests*, including voluntary service in good causes. Such interests show that one is interested in making a good life, which counts for much more than making a good living.

8. *Working a little harder* than one might need to work in order to "get by." The extra attention a person gives to having his work right, and on schedule, and demanding a minimum of oversight by a superior will characterize the services of one well worth employing and promoting.

#### Satisfied Too Soon With Too Little?

The executive who compiled this list of essentials for achievement adds these comments:

"Many become satisfied too soon with too little.

"In all well-conducted businesses and in the professions there is a constant effort on the part of even the most proficient and eminent in their fields to learn more and more about their subjects.

"In fact it is only as they achieve eminence that they recognize how little they know and how much lies ahead. In the business of life itself there is no static condition. Either you gain in your abilities and judgment, or for lack of progress you are steadily losing ground."

The Church has been well served in many fields and departments by those whom business regards as successful. The broad scope of their everyday activities makes such persons useful, enthusiastic, well-balanced and adaptable in various forms of lay work and leadership.

Because they are busy, the assignment has to be challenging. A serious mistake would be to try to recruit a young foreman or executive in terms of "there's hardly any work connected with this project."

#### Being God's Tool

As we recruit for work and leadership in church work, we should look for much more than ability. The man or woman with a good record in secular activities needs, in this field, the humble sense of being God's tool. He or she should be tactful and cooperative toward fellow volunteers. We don't want dictation but guidance from our leaders.

Also one who, justly or unjustly, may be labeled a "business failure" can be just the person God will use effectively in Christian action. Look beyond the label to the person and to his spirit.

In the ideal situation, the young adult who will modestly, prayerfully, place his or her abilities in God's keeping, and then apply all the best that has been acquired in practical affairs, should find great satisfaction and render important service through the Christian Church.

Surely those who have learned best how to work with others, to win cooperation for useful tasks, and to provide things of worth to the world will want to round out their usefulness by devoted labor and leadership in Christ's Cause.





# Diamond Jubilee

## Quarter and Half Century Clubs

Proudly we present an honor listing of individuals who joined Christian Endeavor more than 25 years ago. This is the second roll to be published in connection with the 75th anniversary. Information has been furnished by the persons or by friends. More names will appear next month.



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# The Whole Wide World Rejoices

No. 1 in a Series: "Witnessing In Word and Song"

Mark 16:1-8 (Easter)

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

APRIL 1

Comments by Earle W. Gates

This is a day of supreme significance for every Christian. It is a day when a Christian Endeavor meeting of great meaning can be anticipated. Today's topic begins a challenging series of three entitled *Witnessing In Word and Song*. Our theme for the day is *The Whole Wide World Rejoices*. The leader should endeavor to tie these three meetings together by "setting the stage" for the next two, and close on a note of preparation and anticipation for the next topic. There is great cause for rejoicing in the very meaning of this day; bring out the reasons for it. We are all to be witnesses to the fact of the Resurrection. This thought should be emphasized. In the next two weeks specific study will be made of the witness of speech and of song. It should not be hard to tell others of this wonderful event, and of our matchless Saviour.

Build on the world-wide preparations that everyone has made for Easter. Use special publicity. Our whole purpose in Christian Endeavor is distinctive; let our whole program be also. It is all for Christ and the Church.

Today is also Consecration Sunday, the first Lord's Day of the month, traditionally set aside for the purpose of bringing forth new statements of purpose from each member. When the society roll is called let each one dedicate himself to some new means of witness to the Risen Christ. On the 75th Anniversary Sunday of our movement, February 5th, most societies had services of recommitment to the Christian Endeavor Membership pledge. The use of this in the Consecration meeting should have special meaning today, therefore. If perchance your society did not share in this meaningful re-signing of the pledge, this Easter Day would be a grand time for it. Every society should use the Pledge. For the few societies who have not adopted it, today can well be the beginning. Write International Christian Endeavor Headquarters, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio for materials and information.

## Earth's Happiest Day

The Day of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ was the happiest day in earth's history. No other event has brought such reason for rejoicing. Great and notable events have made other days important. Days are set apart to honor famous children of men and the events those leaders have brought about. None, however, can compare with the event that we mark today.

### A SEED THOUGHT

"I know not how that Joseph's tomb  
Could solve death's mystery;  
I only know a living Christ,  
Our immortality."

## AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To understand better the meaning of the Resurrection and why it brings us cause for such great rejoicing.
2. To consider how Christians can radiate that joy to others.

## DISCUSS, THEN WITNESS

1. Why is Easter observed in the Church?
2. Which is the most important holy day of the Church year? Why do you consider it so?
3. What are the greatest causes for rejoicing in Easter?
4. Why can we personally rejoice?
5. What hope does Easter offer to the world?
6. What does Easter mean to a non-believer, one who is not a Christian? Is he better or worse because of it?
7. How can we show our joy?
8. Is it necessary to share this joy and victory of Easter with others? Why?
9. How can we find how to share our blessed message of hope?
10. What means do we have to share this joy with others?

Suppose for a moment that we were in Jerusalem on that fateful day, now known as Good Friday, when the Son of God was hanged upon a Cross. This act of punishment and humiliation, caused by irresponsible and bribed enemies, brought deep grief to His disciples. Their lessons had not been fully learned and their faith was insecure. When their Lord, whom they so deeply loved, was taken from them all the world seemed to fall apart. Deep gloom settled upon most of them. Some went away in total despair. All were downhearted and bewildered. We can share their desolation and sorrow.

Then suppose also that we were there on that blessed "third day after," when the angel said, "He is not here: for He is risen as He said—and behold, He goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see Him—." (Matthew 28:6, 7.) Can we not imagine the rejoicing in the hearts of the followers of the Christ? Does not our own heart skip a beat as we share that glorious proclamation? "Ye shall see Him!" What a blessed promise this has been—and we have proven it ourselves.

Truly, that first Easter Day, the actual day of the resurrection of our Lord, was the happiest the world has ever known. Every Easter Day since then repeats the timeless message, and so is the happiest one of our year.

## Happiness For A Reason

It was not only because they were assured of His personal Presence with them that the disciples were happy. Even more important was this fulfillment of His promise which

sealed all of the other wonderful promises He had made. If He could "raise this temple" the third day after men had destroyed it, He could also do all of the other things His Gospel offered. The blind could continue to receive sight, the sick to be healed, the broken in heart to be comforted—Supremely, man need never die. Jesus Himself had said, "I am the Resurrection, and the Life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die." (John 11:25, 26.) He had also said, "In my Father's house are many mansions, . . . I go to prepare a place for you . . . I will come again, and receive you unto Myself, that where I am, there ye may be also." (John 14: 2, 3.)

These were precious promises and the world had never heard any like them. Now the most difficult of His tests had been victoriously accomplished. No barrier remained for the Everlasting Life with God to be a reality for men of faith. Only those who refused to believe were to be barred henceforth.

It is small wonder that the Day of Resurrection is called Earth's happiest day. The Easter message gives hope to all the world. John 3:16 now becomes a glorious living reality. Never again can man be earth-bound or sin-bound. He lives—and so do we if we believe!

## Let's Share Our Joy!

If these blessed events are shared with us, if the joy of Easter is our hope of wonderful, blissful immortality, then our rejoicing should know no bounds. We as Christian young people should share this great joy with others. We can literally share our Eternal Life with many, many others. The daily witness of our lives and words will tell of the Christ who lives forever in the hearts of His disciples as in Heaven. We have great enthusiasm over our athletic teams, our favorite heroes, our friends, our daily activities—and we shout it out to the world. Should we not be at least as enthusiastic, as faithful in our witness, about the Saviour who saves, the Resurrection that brings us Everlasting Life? Christians should always radiate the joy that is theirs because of the Lord's victory over sin and the grave, our selfishness and death.

## From God's Book

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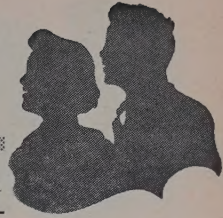
CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD



# The Whole Wide World Rejoices

Matthew 28:1-10, 18-20

(Easter)



Intermediate (12-14 YEARS)

APRIL 1

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

## The World Rejoices

Millions of people around the world will be celebrating Easter now. They will be meeting in churches and chapels for worship; they will meet in bowls and on hillsides at sunrise; they will be clustered in little groups in lonely spots to sing, *Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!*

How many?

Well, more than seven hundred millions around the globe.

It is all testimony to the fact that Christ is still alive. He died. He was buried. But He arose. The fires that He kindled that first resurrection day are still burning. Indeed, every Sunday is Resurrection Sunday, not just Easter! The fact that we have a Christian church at its proof of the risen Christ.

## The Church Rejoices

The church began to celebrate the anniversary of the Resurrection at a very early period. For a time, at least, it was the greatest day of the year, not excepting Christmas. Large numbers of the newly-baptized were admitted on Easter Eve, and in the morning, clad in white as a symbol of purity, were united for the first time with the believers at communion. "He is risen" was the universal greeting, and "In truth He has risen," the joyous answer, as is still the case in Greek Orthodox countries today.

In the Middle Ages Easter, following the long restrictions of Lent, came to be celebrated rather boisterously. Popular sports and dances, and farcical exhibitions in which the priests are said to have taken part, provided the chief features of the "Sunday of Joy." The sixteenth-century reformers, Protestant and Catholic, strongly and successfully protested against these tendencies. And during modern history the religious importance of Easter seems to have more than held its own against more secular methods of observance.

Today we have sunrise services which are broadcast to millions. Great church services find sanctuaries overflowing. Music fills the air and Easter parades bring people out-of-doors to enjoy the first breath of spring.

## Easter This Year

Easter comes to a divided world this year! Half of it—our half—will be sitting, watching the sun come up, as the choir gathers around the base of a gleaming white cross and joyfully sings—"Christ is risen."

We are watching the day break and tumble over a life of comfort, of good food and warm clothes, with an outlook toward a bright hope and ease for the future. The whole atmosphere of Easter is one of smugness and calm, of confidence in America's democratic civilization in the face of the unsettled world.

And yet, beneath this peaceful surface runs a note of concern and anxiety for the world—the other half of it, the half that will see the sun come up on another day of suffering, of hunger, and of despair.

## OUR AIMS

1. To discover why Easter is Christendom's day of joy.
2. To note the succession of Easter observances around the world.
3. To gain the radiant Easter hope in our lives.

## QUESTIONS

1. Why is Easter a time of joy?
2. Why do people long for immortality?
3. How does one's belief in immortality affect his conduct?
4. What are some evidences of "eternal life"?
5. What does faith in God mean to you?
6. Why do poets unite Easter and springtime?
7. Why do you believe in the resurrection of Jesus?

It is not a pretty world, this divided one—yet here we are, not old enough to say it is no concern to us, and yet not too young to fail to care. We are taking the reins, and in order for us to live, we must help all others to live. We cannot be oblivious to the suffering of our world! We must do something—the hungry, sick and suffering are looking to us, and we cannot fail them.

There is no time like this Easter season to think and to act, in order to alleviate some of this world's distress.

Are we hearing the gentle plea of one who said, "Feed my sheep"? Are we hearing the cry of millions, and are we giving? Let us plan some project for our Christian Endeavor that will help to relieve hunger and distress, and will make people in hopeless situations turn to Christianity for hope. How about

- (1) Sending a CARE package?
- (2) Giving an offering toward sending a heifer or goat overseas to help people help themselves?
- (3) Writing to a missionary of your church for suggestions as to a way you can help in the work?
- (4) Asking your pastor how you can help in meeting a community need?

## Why Does the World Rejoice at Easter?

1. *Easter Means a New Life.* Easter gives vitality to life. Without the fact of Easter life would be dull, flat, and meaningless; there would be little more value to human life than there is to brute life, simply living on a better physical plane. Easter presents the more abundant life; the expanding life, the triumphant life.

2. *Easter Means a New Feeling Toward Death.* If there were no Easter death would have an awful sting. We would dread it, fear it, into it we would enter with terror and forebodings. But in Easter death has been robbed of its terror. A door has been cut through the other end of the sepulchre. If this world enters into it, another world opens out of it. Man is immortal.

3. *Easter Means a New Attitude Toward Christ.* Does not the resurrection give us a feeling toward Christ such as we never had toward anyone else and could never entertain toward another? He alone has conquered the greatest enemy, thereby manifesting a power, a vitality, a strength of life which has appeared in no one else. Does He not step into a class by Himself? Is it not easy to call Him Lord? Must we not only admit His superiority, but also His absolute supremacy? He has the keys of death, so He must be the Lord of life. Easter should exalt the name of Jesus.

4. *Easter Means the Forgiveness of Sin.* That Jesus Christ rose from the dead constitutes the perfect proof that His sacrifice was acceptable unto God and adequate atonement had been made for the sins of the world. Christ died for our sins, but He rose for our justification. "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain." Only a living Christ can raise a sinner above his evil way. We are saved by faith in Him.

5. *Easter Means Eternal Life.* When Jesus came unto His own, they rejected Him. They had expected Him to come as an earthly king; His death utterly crushed them and their hopes; but when He arose, and appeared to them, then what a change! Forth to their work they went with burning zeal and anxious heart. They were out to preach a risen Christ, a living Saviour. Why? Did they not have the assurance of eternal life? In Christ "this mortal must put on immortality." Because Christ lives we will live also.

## Worship Materials

*Hymns.* "Crown Him with Many Crowns," "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," "Rejoice, the Lord Is King," and "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" and "O Joyous Easter Morning."

*Scripture.* The Gospels offer the narratives of the Easter morning miracle in Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-8; Matthew 28:1-8.

Appropriate pictures for this kind of service are *Easter Morning*, by Hofmann; *He Is Risen*, by Plockhorst, and *Peter and John*, by Burnand.

Stories or legends well told may carry the Easter message effectively. Here are a few: "The Handful of Clay," by Henry van Dyke, found in his book *The Blue Flower*; "The Boy Who Discovered Easter," by Raymond Alden, in *Why the Chimes Rang*; "The Sacred Flame," by Selma Lagerlof in *Christ Legends*.

## Bible Portions

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# "Go Tell"

No. 2 in a Series: "Witnessing in Word and Song"

Matthew 28:9, 10, 19, 20

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

APRIL 8

Comments by Earle W. Gates

This topic is the second in a series on the theme *Witnessing In Word And Song*. Last week was Easter Sunday and we thought together on the subject *The Whole Wide World Rejoices*. This week we will study ways we can *Go Tell* the good news of Christ. Next week witnessing through song and music will be emphasized.

A leader who is able to witness to others with ease should lead this meeting. One who is known to practice his ideas and ideals is much more capable of leading others in a path he is already walking. He will then be able to give actual illustrations of "telling" others; also their response.

Some time during the meeting, discuss together a plan for the group to carry out that would give them the opportunity to "go tell." A "Fisherman's Meeting" is fun, helpful, and inspiring.

## What Tell?

What is a Christian young person or a Christian Endeavorer supposed to tell? There is good news to tell a distressed, lost world. Christians have the commission today to tell of salvation and eternal life through Christ.

The Easter season has just passed. Through it we have been made aware of God's gift and Christ's sacrifice for the sinful. God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to dwell among men. Man did not accept Him as the Son of God. Christ was despised and feared, criticized and mistreated; He finally was killed upon a Cross. This kind of death was the most painful and was for the worst offenders and criminals.

Christ did not have to die thus. He could have stepped down from the cross and lived, but it was not God's will for Him to do so. Review carefully the words of John 3: 16. God "gave" His Son. Christ was *happy* to die for the sinful. His life, the only perfect one, was given that He might bear the sins of all people. He died that we might live.

We need but accept Christ as our own personal Saviour, realizing that He died for each one personally. When we accept this fact we have the promise of life everlasting with Him. Again, be reminded of John 3:16.

Christ not only died for us but rose again on the third day as had been prophesied. Anyone can die, and everyone will die, but only

## AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To encourage and train young people to "go tell" others about Christ.
2. To remind them of the glorious message that they have to tell.

## DO YOU OR WILL YOU TELL?

1. What do you have to tell that would be according to God's command?
2. Why should you tell others of Christ?
3. What urgency is there in telling the good news?
4. What qualifications should you have in order to be able to tell this news?
5. Should any one NOT tell this news? Why or why not?
6. List different methods that can be used to tell others about Christ.
7. Who is to tell this message?
8. Who is to receive this message?
9. List the types of people or the possible places where people can be found that might need the news.
10. Either write on paper (or think silently) of people to whom you have not spoken concerning Christ, that you know you should.

Will you promise to witness to these people as you have opportunity?

Christ has arisen from the dead. He not only miraculously left the tomb, but appeared to others, to be able to show the nail wounds in His hands. He then commissioned us to "go tell." He left His Holy Spirit to dwell among us and within us.

There is good news to tell. Don't fail to express it!

## Why Tell?

Why should we tell this good news? The main reason is that God has commanded us to do it. Following His crucifixion there was no one to tell about Him, but His apostles and the few others who had believed and followed Him. When those people were passed on there would only be those who believed them to carry on the Word.

The story is told that Jesus was asked what plan He had for bringing the story of salvation to the world. His reply was that He had a certain few men with whom He had left the task. Then came the question, "But what if they should fail?" Jesus' answer to this was, "I have no other way; I am depending on them."

You know the good news. He is counting on you. If you fail Him, there is no other way.

## How Tell?

How can we tell others the good news we know and believe? The simplest method is by

living a life of Christ-likeness. Exercise the faith and love that is within you. Your life is telling some story every day. Is it the story you want it to tell?

The family, neighbors, friends, and acquaintances offer many opportunities of telling. What you wear upon your clothing or cars gives a method of "telling." The Christian Endeavor monogram, lapel pins and crosses, religious stickers and car labels are all ways of telling others.

Teaching a Sunday school class is a clear-cut way of telling the good news of Jesus. Reading your Bible or saying grace at meals in public places are significant ways of witnessing.

In order to be able to "go tell" effectively you need to know: (a) your own standing in relation to your sins; (b) that Christ is Master and Lord; (c) that your daily life should be above reproach; (d) that your life must be filled with and controlled by the Holy Spirit; (e) how to live in the atmosphere of prayer; (f) how to exercise confidence in God; (g) your own beliefs regarding the truths of God's Word.

## Who Tell?

Who is there to whom we may tell the good news? Your family and friends are the closest possibilities. Are you conscious of the life you lead before those you love and with whom you live?

Some have been led to Christ by a letter from a friend. This is a sure way of knowing that a friend will at least read what you have to say, whether or not he chooses to believe it.

The breadman, milkman, mailman, and others make regular trips to your door. Is there any reason for them to be aware of the fact that you are Christian?

God has planted opportunities all around you. It is not necessary to look for far-away places or strangers. "Go tell" wherever you are today. Our very Christian Endeavor pins, our crosses and other insignia bring questions from others. These can be followed up.

Someone is awaiting your word and your touch for Jesus Christ. With your head erect, your heart happy, prayerfully approach that one today for Him. God waits for you to do it. Decide now to waste no more time.

## A SEED THOUGHT

"Christ has no hands but our hands

To do His work today.

He has no feet but our feet

To lead men in His way.

He has no tongues but our tongues

To tell men how He died.

He has no help but our help

To bring them to His side."

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# Why Endure Hardness?

No. 1 in a Series: "Lessons in God's School"

II Timothy 2:1-7; James 2:10-13



Intermediate (12-14 YEARS)

APRIL 8

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

## What Is Meant By Our Topic?

"Endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ." There's a challenge! Every young man and woman today knows what it means to be a soldier. What does it mean to be a "good soldier of Jesus Christ"?

It means the yielding of all we are physically, mentally and spiritually to the will of God. It does not mean the giving up of anything necessarily, but it means the joyous dedication of all the powers of our being, the strength of our bodies, the faculties of our minds and all the spiritual impulses of our souls to God in the extension of His kingdom in the earth. It does not mean necessarily that we must enter the ministry, Christian Education work or the mission field or some other form of specific Christian service, but it does mean that the great, underlying, dominating purpose of our lives is to do the will of God.

Our money, our influence, our friendships, our power and position in the world, all of our endowments, physical strength and charms, all of our mental, social and spiritual gifts, will not be looked upon as *ours* to be used selfishly, but we will consider them all as gifts from God, held in trust and to be used as He directs. We will be "soldiers" ready to endure discipline as He commands, and follow orders as He may give them.

## Consecrate Physical Strength

What a gift of God is a strong, healthy body! What a responsibility to keep our bodies well and strong, ready and obedient to do the bidding of the master-soul within! Our Christian Endeavors should plan health talks from time to time and if possible secure some competent person to speak upon personal and social purity. God needs strong, healthy men and women to do the world's work today in our strenuous and exacting age. Let us remind our athletic boys, with their stout muscles not to use them merely for their own enjoyment and glory; but that they should use their splendid strength of body in the service of the Master. There is not a day strong muscles are not needed for helping others and making life easier for somebody. That is what big muscles are for.

## Consecrate Mental Strength

The world's problems—social, industrial, educational, religious and moral—are such as to challenge the best and brightest intellects. God is calling today for a host of young men and women who are willing to throw themselves into the world's activities not for mere self-seeking or glory, but for the glory of God and the welfare of society. Let us consecrate our strength of brain and brawn to the solution of some of the great evils of our day, as they exist in our own communities—such as vice and social evil, the gambling problem, the liquor problem, remembering that many of our foes are among business men, bankers, landlords and attorneys who profit through

## OUR AIMS

1. To discover that doing Christ's bidding brings inner joy and peace.
2. To see that the disciplined life is not one of repression but glorious expression.
3. To suggest knightly practices and crusading activities for youthful Christians.

## QUESTIONS

1. How can we increase our strength: (a) physically? (b) mentally? (c) spiritually?
2. Why should we consecrate our strength to the Lord?
3. What tasks require the maximum of strength of the Christian: (a) In the church? (b) In the Sunday-school? (c) In the Christian Endeavor? (d) In our community? (e) In our social life? (f) In our industrial life?
4. What necessity is there for spiritual training?
5. How are spiritual powers developed?
6. What weaknesses have we to overcome? How do we overcome such?
7. How do obstacles and trials help us to grow?
8. What are we training for?

the existence of these evils.

Let us consecrate our brain and mental ability to solve some of the problems in our own local churches and Sunday schools. The consecration of our mental strength to these problems in the same way and with something of the same enthusiasm and earnestness with which we apply ourselves to our secular tasks, would bring some most gratifying results.

## Self-Denial Needed

Enduring hardness demands self-denial. This is a quality that many Christian people do not like to hear discussed in these days. In fact the modern Christian does not know much about real self-denial. And yet, the very entrance into the Christian life is by an act of self-surrender and denial which Jesus says must become a fixed attitude of mind and a fixed habit of conduct. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily and follow me." That is, if any man would become a follower of mine (a Christian), let him say "no" to "his self" and crucify "his self" daily and follow me in my life of obedience to my Father's will.

## Bible Meditations

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| M., Apr. 2.   | Proving Grace.             | II Corinthians 3:3-6.            |
| T., Apr. 3.   | Fruit Bearing.             | Galatians 5:22-24.               |
| W., Apr. 4.   | Right Being.               | Romans 12:1, 2.                  |
| T., Apr. 5.   | Well Pleasing.             | Galatians 1:8-10.                |
| F., Apr. 6.   | Without Blame.             | Ephesians 1:3-6.                 |
| S., Apr. 7.   | Winning Others.            | John 1:40-45.                    |
| Sun., Apr. 8. | Topic—Why Endure Hardness? | II Timothy 2:1-7; James 2:10-13. |

Spiritual health and strength are developed by the cutting out of every element of moral weakness, doubtful company, doubtful pleasures, doubtful business practices. Spiritual health and strength are developed by right habits of secret devotion, by faithful activities in the church and every organization and movement that seeks to bring in the kingdom of God on earth.

A victorious Christian is one who looks upon this personal fight against evil seriously and earnestly and who realizes the eternal value of spiritual victory, counting no sacrifice nor self-denial too great, just so victory is won, moment by moment, and day by day. The Christian athlete needs to stop frequently to contemplate the eternal prize offered to the victor in the fight with the world, the flesh, and the devil. Let him read Paul's marvelous confidence and consecration as seen in Acts 20:24.

## Lincoln Endured

"Abraham Lincoln didn't rise because of his muscle, which he needed and had; or his beauty, which he didn't need and didn't have. He rose because when he came to an obstacle he didn't turn back or lie down but proceeded to get over it or around it or to remove it. Since he generally studied a question out until he was right, he usually preferred slower removal of the obstacle to quick avoidance, so that others who came after might be benefited. Lincoln's brain was trained, and his heart was unspoiled, and he was a great man every year that he lived, because he was always trying himself out against the things that kept him and others from giving the world their best. Any boy or girl, rich or poor, can do that."

## Endure Hardness

All our Christian endurance, the fullest extent of our resisting, can be only a reflection of the endurance Christ portrayed as He faced and endured the cross. The ages have known many who persisted to death, who witnessed through extreme suffering and sacrifice. Physical strength, utilizing spiritual resources, is a combination the world will never surpass.

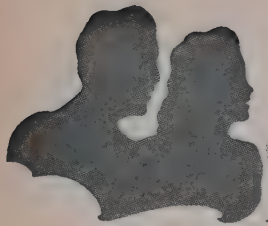
## Youth Who Endured

George Gyp was one of Notre Dame's greatest players. He was hospitalized with an incurable disease. His coach, Knute Rockne, visited him. In the course of the conversation Rockne said: "It's tough, isn't it?"

"No," said Gyp, "I'll go into the end like you taught us to go into the game." Then he continued: "Will you do one thing for me? Make the team a cross (he was a Roman Catholic) when the going is rough and tell them 'That one was for old Gyp.'"

Rockne waited two years before the time seemed ripe. The occasion was the Notre Dame-Army game. Notre Dame was having tough going. Gloom prevailed between halves in the dressing room. Rockne knew the time had come to tell them Gyp's request. Those who watched them play said they were as a new team electrified by something. Notre Dame won 7-0.





# Go Sing!

No. 3 in a Series: "Witnessing in Word and Song"

Ephesians 5:19; Psalm 101:1; Psalm 9:1, 2

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

APRIL 15

Comments by Earle W. Gates

This is the third topic in a series designed to turn our thoughts toward our Christian witness, *Witnessing in Word and Song*. This week, after discussing our witness of speaking last Sunday we come to the pleasant field of music. *Go Sing* is the title. It breathes forth an air of rejoicing. What we often overlook is that our Christian music is a means of testimony to the Christian message. The leader today can strive to point that out to the members of the society. Then he may lead them in a discussion of how young people can best testify by their singing and living.

This would be a good time for a special emphasis upon the whole musical portion of the society meeting. Secure the best song leader available so as to provide a good group singing experience. Choose the hymns and choruses carefully to bring out the message of the topic. Have some special musical numbers, vocal especially, that the message of the hymns may be made more clear. Perhaps a "Sing-spiration" could be planned for the near future when an entire evening or afternoon could be given over to singing of the great old hymns of the Church and the popular Gospel Hymns. It would be helpful if the story of the writing of some of the hymns used in the meeting could be told. Important events connected with their use are always interesting. Make this truly an evening of music—but with a purpose. This purpose is to point out the witness of our hymns.

## What Sing?

In the Christian Church there is a vast field of witness possibilities in our hymnology. Let us give attention today to our hymns. By definition, a hymn is "a sacred ode expressive of praise or adoration; a means to adore or praise by music." We can readily see the worship possibilities and the opportunity for evangelical witness in the hymns of the Church. They represent the oldest form of man's worship. In the beginning they were but wordless chants. From this humble beginning they developed to the great works of the classical writers. Man has always sung to his God, sometimes in reverence and humility, sometimes in praise or in supplication.

Almost invariably one's understanding of God is reflected in the songs about Him. Hymns reflect man's varying concept of their Deity; they are modified from age to age by the changing needs and aspirations of the

**A SEED THOUGHT**  
"A song will outlive all sermons in the memory."

## AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To train young people to "go sing" of their Christian faith, as a channel of testimony.
2. To remind them of the glorious message told by our hymns.

## WHAT DO YOU SING?

1. What does "to witness" mean in the Christian sense?
2. How are we witnesses for Christ?
3. In what ways do we witness for Him, perhaps without realizing it?
4. How is our singing a testimony of our faith?
5. What is the importance of hymns as a Christian message to Christians? to non-Christians?
6. What is the difference between a hymn and a "Gospel song"?
7. Is a "chorus" a hymn?
8. What is a true hymn? What should it accomplish?
9. What is the difference, in the address and the message, between hymns and popular "choruses"?
10. By what means can we as a society "Go Sing" in a way to win others for Christ?

singers. Yet the central truths of God and of Christ remain. Today's hymns have evolved over the ages. They are the more loved because of their antiquity.

## Why Sing?

Perhaps the basic reason is that people like to sing. Like speaking, singing comes naturally to nearly everyone. It is a readily learned habit. Music is the expression of great and moving experiences, of men or of nations. Probably all of the truly great songs, religious or otherwise, have come from deep emotional experiences. Sir Winston Churchill has said significantly, "I have tunes in my head for every war I've been to, and indeed for every critical or exciting phase of my life."

Christian music gives melodious expression to the great teachings and experiences of Christendom. Christ's people are inspired and comforted and encouraged by their hymns. This is shared with others by the praise of joy and victory that they sing. There is a mighty lift in united song. Singing strengthens the faith, quickens the hearts, and unites the purposes of a people.

## How Sing?

The Psalmist well answers this question. "While I live I will praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being." (Psalm 146: 2.) "I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever." (Psalm 89: 1.) Fundamentally, our hymns express our praise, our love, our worship of God. They reveal our faith in Christ and the Holy Spirit, together

with our dependence upon them. Erik Routley, of Oxford, has said, "What is not addressed to God, or is not fit to be sung in the presence of God, is not a hymn." We may well give study to this thought in relation to our more modern Gospel hymns, and even more recent choruses, popular though they are.

We sing out of the great depths of our love and trust in God. Hence we sing reverently and humbly. Remembering that God has made Himself readily available to man, assuring us of His vital concern for us, we likewise sing beseechingly, anticipating His further blessing. We sing out of the fullness of our hearts, and of our love for our Lord. Ideally, we should sing together. There is growing movement to unite and strengthen the great hymnology of the denominations. Even those of the Roman Catholic and Jewish persuasion are revising their hymnals, that they may enhance their own witness.

"I will praise Thee with my whole heart" (Psalm 138: 1) may well express our own purpose. We sing with all our hearts the great message of our God and His Christ. We sing because we believe—and because we want to share our faith.

## Who Sing?

This is a question which can be answered simply. Whosoever has the praise of God in his heart should express it in the most joyous way known. We who are Christians have so much to tell, whether it be by song or word or deed. We have a Saviour Who saves, a Lord Who gives life, a Shepherd Who keeps. St. Paul urged the members of the church at Ephesus to "be filled with the spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." (Ephesians 5: 18, 19.) Christianity is a singing religion. All who are a part of it must surely share its joy and its testimony.

The message of Redemption can be given to the world by singing. Not only is our own faith strengthened and our own resolutions made firm by our singing the "songs of Zion"; we can be messengers of God to others. To "Go Sing" is also to "Go Tell" the wondrous Story of our Lord and His Way.

## From The Book of Books

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| M., Apr. 9.    | Song Of Deliverance.  | Psalm 34:1-8.                              |
| T., Apr. 10.   | Song Of Worship.      | Psalm 96:1-9.                              |
| W., Apr. 11.   | Song Of Thanksgiving. | Psalm 100.                                 |
| T., Apr. 12.   | Song Of Exaltation.   | Luke 24:13-17.                             |
| F., Apr. 13.   | Song Of Testimony.    | Acts 16:22-25.                             |
| S., Apr. 14.   | Song Of Redemption.   | Revelations 5:8-14.                        |
| Sun., Apr. 15. | Topic—Go Sing!        | Ephesians 5:19; Psalm 101:1; Psalm 9:1, 2. |

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD



# Why Practice Kindness?

No. 2 in a Series: "Lessons in God's School"

Genesis 45:1-15; Ephesians 4:30-32



Intermediate (12-14 YEARS)

APRIL 15

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

## A Legend

Once there was a great king who had a son whom he loved and for whom he did everything. He gave him beautiful rooms to live in, costly toys and pictures and books. He gave him horses to ride and drive, boats to row, and servants to help him. But the prince was not happy. He always wore a frown and was always wishing for something he did not have. One day a magician noticing the sullen lad, proposed to make him happy. The king consented, also offering him a great reward. He took the boy into a private room, wrote something with a white substance upon a piece of paper, gave a boy a lighted candle, and told him to hold it under the paper to see what he would read. When the boy did as he was told, the white letters changed into beautiful blue, forming the words: "Do a kindness to some one every day." The magician went away, asking no price for his secret, but the prince, making practical use of it, became the happiest youth in the kingdom.

This is only a legend, but it embodies a great truth, the learning of which will not only bring happiness to the one who does a kindness, but also makes every one about him happy.

## God's Kindness

God's kindness is manifest in various ways. It is manifest first of all in the gift of life unto man. The creation of man is in itself an evidence of God's goodness and kindness. God created man in order that man might receive and enjoy the many gifts of His love and mercy. God's kindness is manifest in the abundant provision He has made for man's welfare—physical, social, mental and spiritual. The whole economy of nature God has arranged for man's convenience and comfort; He has made it possible for man to procure food, raiment and shelter; He has given man capacity for social outreach and has made possible loved ones and friends to satisfy that capacity and desire; He has given man capacity for thought and has placed realities all around man to engage that thought; He has put into man a capacity and a desire for fellowship with his Maker and then offers Himself through Jesus Christ to engage that capacity and to satisfy that desire.

God's kindness is manifest most extensively and most strikingly in the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, to become the Saviour of man. God's kindness manifest in the gift of His Son far exceeds any other manifestation or demonstration of this quality. "But God manifested His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."

We likewise manifest our kindness in various ways. We may manifest kindness in the words which we speak and in the deeds which we do; we may exercise kindness throughout

## OUR AIMS

1. To see that kindness is a test of real Christian experience.
2. To note kind acts of great men and women and of Bible characters.
3. To demonstrate that kindness is love in action.

## TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Kind acts of great men and women: (a) Bible characters; (b) secular characters.
2. What opportunities for kindness are common?
3. What kindnesses have we experienced?
4. What hinders the practice of kindness?
5. How may we develop the habit of kindness?
6. Why is there so much unkindness in the world?
7. In what way does nature reveal the kindness of God?
8. How can we develop the spirit of kindness?
9. To what extent is Christianity a help in the development and exercise of kindness among men?

all the sphere of our human relationship; we can serve God only as we serve our fellowman, in fact the service of our fellowman in the name of Jesus Christ is the service of God.

## Kindness Distinguishes The Christian

A Christian is not distinguished from the world by an insignia of silver or gold or enamel, but by love, a kind disposition showing itself in kind words and deeds. This mark of a Christian does not show itself only on special occasions; the real test of a Christian is whether little kindnesses radiate constantly from him like warm sunshine.

It is related that when Michael Angelo was at the height of his fame, when monarchs and popes were paying fabulous prices for his work, a little boy met him in the street with an old pencil and a bit of dirty brown paper and asked him for a picture. The great artist sat on the curbstone and drew a picture for his little admirer.

Among the list of "Don'ts" published in a little book for machinists, is this: "Don't for-

get that the warmth of the hand will increase the diameter of a shaft." "If the touch of the human hand," says Miss Moulton, "can move cold iron and steel, what may we not expect of it when it touches the hand of a brother?" A convert once said of Henry Drummond, "It was the way he laid his hand upon my shoulders and looked me in the face that led me to Christ."

## Our Scripture

The apostle in Ephesians 4:30-32 enjoins kindness not only toward our friends and those we love, or toward strangers who may be in need of a kindness, but even toward our enemies. "Forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you." This is another mark of a genuine Christian. He is kind, tender-hearted, forgiving, even toward those who are unkind and hard-hearted and bitter toward him. He refuses to return evil for evil. He refuses to avenge his wrongs. He returns good for evil, kindness for unkindness, thus "heaping coals of fire upon his enemies' heads."

## Suggested Program

Opening Songs—"A Little Bit of Love;" "Scatter Smiles and Sunshine;" "Pass It On;" "Help Somebody Today."

Scripture reading.  
Song.

Prayer. Let there be a number of prayers short and specific for this meeting.

Special music—Solo, "While the Days are Going By."

Leader's talk: "The Practice of Kindliness."

## A True Story of Kindness

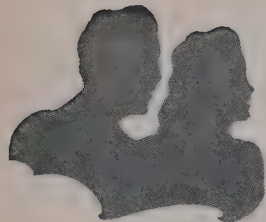
You may recall the newspaper story of Billy Rough, the crippled newsboy of Gary, Ind., who read one morning, in the issue of the paper he was selling, the story of the young woman who had been terribly burned in a motorcycle accident. Nobody in that community would have thought of Billy as personality-plus timber; yet no sooner had he read that incident than he hobbled away to the hospital to offer the skin on his crippled leg in order that this girl's life might be saved. When the physicians finally made it clear to Billy that such an operation might cost his own life, he said, "Go ahead, Doctor, if it will save her life. I'm not much account anyhow." Well, the operation was performed, and the life of this unfortunate girl saved. When it became apparent to the physicians that Billy's strength was failing and that he would not recover, they told him. He only smiled and said, "Well, anyhow, I was some use in the world; wasn't I?"

Small wonder that when he was gone, the citizens of Gary raised a fund to provide a bronze tablet to be hung in the hallway entrance of the building in front of which his newsstand had stood. True greatness is often found in the lives of people, who, judged by outward appearances, may be thought to be small, unimportant and even ignoble.

## Scripture Readings

- M., Apr. 9. Fighting Evil. Romans 12:19-21.  
T., Apr. 10. Transforming Foes. Genesis 45:1-11.  
W., Apr. 11. Hidden Manna. John 4:24-34.  
T., Apr. 12. Angels Unawares. Hebrews 13:1-3.  
F., Apr. 13. Great Benefactors. Genesis 46:1-7.  
S., Apr. 14. Commonplace Fidelities. Ruth 2:14-23.  
Sun., Apr. 15. Topic—Why Practice Kindness? Genesis 45:1-15; Ephesians 4:30-32.





# Recreation That Builds My Body

No. 1 in a Series: "Recreation That Counts"

I Corinthians 3:16-19

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

APRIL 22

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Today we begin a new series of two topics on the theme *Recreation That Counts*. This week we emphasize *building my body*; next week *building finer friendships*. It is important to keep both these aims in mind when preparing a recreation program.

In this discussion point out recreation that is harmful to the body and recreation that is helpful. In the spring of the year we are more mindful of the out-of-doors with the recreation and sports it makes possible and encourages. Attempt to plan some recreation that builds the body for these coming days.

## What Is Recreation?

Webster defines recreation as "a re-creating; refreshment of strength and spirits after toil; diversion or a mode of diversion, play." Diversion is the "act of turning aside from its course; that which relaxes and amuses; sport, pastime." Therefore in order to pass the test of true recreation, the thing that is done should bring refreshment of strength and spirits to an individual. It should be a change from one's usual work. It should bring relaxation and amusement.

Play is what we do when we are free to do what we want to do. Recreation is the whole realm of activities in which people participate with joy and freedom from routine. Groups participate in games, sports, music, and drama. Individuals enjoy reading or some specialized hobby.

Good or bad recreation is determined by society and how the individual feels about it. Good recreation is dependent upon its contributions to the life of the individual and society.

## Aims For A Recreation Program

Good recreation will build individuals in character, health, social qualities, culture and appreciation. It will enrich lives and make for an inner happiness. One who indulges in various forms of recreation has to learn to get along with others and also himself. Leadership may be developed that could easily be of benefit to the Christian Endeavor society, the church, and even the community.

A good recreational program can also be an educational program. One must first discriminate between good and bad forms of recreation. A good program should develop a high quality of tastes, interests, and appreciation.

## Scripture Readings

- M., Apr. 16. Experienced Seamen.  
Matthew 8:23-27.  
T., Apr. 17. An Eager Fisherman.  
John 21:1-8.  
W., Apr. 18. A Cunning Hunter.  
Genesis 25:27-34.  
T., Apr. 19. Excited Travelers.  
Luke 24:13-17.  
F., Apr. 20. A Careful Runner.  
I Corinthians 9:24-27.  
S., Apr. 21. A Good Marksman.  
I Samuel 20:18-23.  
Sun., Apr. 22. Topic—Recreation That Builds My Body.  
I Corinthians 3:16-19.

## AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To point out helpful and harmful forms of recreation.
2. To encourage well-planned and wholesome recreation.

## FOR CONSIDERATION

1. What is recreation?
2. Is there a difference between Christian recreation and "time killing"? If so, what?
3. What are the results of a Christian recreation activity?
4. Name some harmful, questionable, or unchristian recreation for young people. Why is each one undesirable?
5. What should be the aims of a Christian Endeavor social?
6. Name some Christian forms of recreation.
7. What are the duties of the Recreation or Social Committee?
8. How should a Christian Endeavor social program be planned?
9. Is it necessary to have closing devotional moments at every social? What are the benefits?
10. What date are you setting for planning your year's program? (or if already planned—Does it need making over because some events are not "body building" or wholesome? If so, where?)

A proper program will not be just a "time killer." It will give an opportunity for creative achievement. It will make a social contribution. It will foster social attitudes by increasing social efficiency through experience at social affairs and group activities. Such a program stimulates interest and co-operation.

## Christian Recreation

Christian recreation makes for an abundant life. Religion should be vital, but not sour and grim. Christians have fun, too. In Christian recreation there is a sense of fellowship and partnership with the spirit of God at work. A Christian should devote a proper proportion, and only a proper proportion, of his time to recreation in relation to other activities. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy;" likewise "all play and no work makes Jack a worthless boy."

Christian recreation should be the means for physical health, muscular co-ordination, manual skill, mental alertness, emotional release, and spiritual invigoration. Self-expression should be created. Personal and social good should be obtained. This should not be just a release of surplus energy or emotional power.

Leadership abilities and interests are often discovered at times of such recreation. Good sportsmanship is a characteristic of the participants. They learn to have self-control and team spirit, to abide by rules, and thus to develop Christian characteristics. A sense of value is developed. One learns to appreciate the best in life. Discrimination is made between good and better, better and best.

## Harmful and Helpful Recreation

Helpful recreation will develop physical growth. Awkwardness will disappear and grace will result. New friends are made. Conversation comes with ease. Courtesy and poise are learned. There is moral development. This is fundamental. The exercise of honesty, fairness and will power become natural characteristics.

Recreation is helpful when it makes possible the association with Christians and with those of mutual interest. It is necessary to have the proper guidance in recreational activities.

Recreation is harmful if there is too much competition or keen rivalry. It is dangerous if immoral or questionable practices are encouraged—or not discouraged. It must not be forgotten that the basis of church activities is to build character, not tear it down, or to arouse question or antagonism.

Recreation that cannot be enjoyed by the total group is not good. If an activity is not approved by either the pastor, adults, or even society members, it should not be indulged in. Any activity that is not in conjunction with the ideas, ideals, and interests of all is neither wholesome recreation nor Christian. If an activity does not make a young person give of his best self it is not developing him adequately. The ideals of the Christian Endeavor movement must be kept in mind also.

## Planned Recreation For Youth

The one in charge of youth's recreation has certain obligations. It is necessary to try to avoid conflicting dates with other organizations in the church and community. He must remember that Sunday is a day of rest and worship. There should not be competition with the Devotional Committee plans. It is best to have no recreational activity on Sunday. If it appears necessary to have some, avoid active or noisy games. Have only teas, musicals, group singing, book reviews, Bible quizzes, etc.

When the Recreation Committee has been chosen, they should meet at once to make plans for the year, tentative ones at least. Consider county, state, and local scheduled events, the weather, seasonal occasions, church calendar, etc. Plan a well-balanced program to satisfy all, and not too much of any one thing. Do your best to do the things that are planned. Assign responsibilities when planning.

As the event approaches, and before it is publicized, be sure permission is granted for the location, check the program over, invite chaperones and the pastor, and parents occasionally.

## A SEED THOUGHT

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy; all play and no work makes Jack a worthless boy."



# Why Listen To Conscience?

No. 3 in a Series: "Lessons in God's School"

Proverbs 20:27; Psalm 51:1-13



Intermediate (12-14 YEARS)

APRIL 22

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

## What Is Conscience?

Webster says that a conscience is a "sense of consciousness of the moral goodness of one's own conduct, intention, or character, together with feeling of obligation to do right or good." This definition gives an excellent start in the effort to evaluate the importance of conscience.

Dr. O. A. Curtis says that conscience is the power to distinguish between the right and the wrong, the power to feel personal obligation, and the power to feel self-blame or moral content. It is the power to feel the right and wrong, with a sense of personal responsibility both before and after conduct. "It is a voice which comes from God, and is heard down deep in man's soul saying 'You ought,'" says Dr. S. J. Gamertsfelder.

## Conscience in the Bible

The earliest example of conscience we know of is that of Adam's trying to hide from God after he had eaten of the "tree of the knowledge of good and evil." Adam's conscience had reminded him of his wrongdoing so he managed to escape punishment by hiding.

David also showed the results of an active conscience. Following his most infamous sin, he prayed, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me!" His conscience was bothering him.

Dozens of Bible passages refer to conscience. Paul speaks of a "good and pure conscience purged from dead or evil works by the blood of Christ." In the book of Romans Paul writes that when the Gentiles "do by nature the things contained in the law, these having not the law . . . show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness."

In another passage, he makes an interesting distinction. He contrasts a good with an evil conscience. The latter, he points out, is blinded and perverted so that it cannot judge its own actions.

The priests of Baal displayed such an evil conscience when they sacrificed countless thousands of innocent babies. And what manner of conscience did Hitler have that he could sacrifice the lives of thousands of Jews? Down through the centuries there have been people who were either devoid of conscience or who had consciences that were evil.

## Living With Our Consciences

At a Christian Endeavor State Convention, Endeavorers were asked to write down, each of them, one of his personal problems. The request was made at lunch time in the college dining room. Paper was distributed, and no one was expected to sign his name. One chap seated at the same table with me said with a chuckle: "That's easy! My big problem is, 'Why can't I make myself do what I know I ought to do?'" It was the identical problem that Paul faced when he wrote to the Romans: "For the good that I would I do not: but the

## OUR AIMS

1. To discover what conscience is.
2. To see how conscience can be dulled.
3. To understand how conscience can be educated.

## QUESTIONS

1. If your family were in danger of starving and you had no money, would your conscience permit you to steal food from some family that had far more than they could ever need?
2. Would your conscience permit you to kill another person in time of war?
3. Can there be true repentance without a conscience?
4. How may we always have a clear conscience?
5. How can we test the dictates of conscience?
6. Is conscience a safe guide to follow?
7. When, where and why did Paul have a conscience void of offense toward God and man?

evil which I would not, that I do . . . O wretched man that I am!"

Paul goes on to point out that there is another law in his life warring against the law of his mind. All of us find this to be true. Part of this inner conflict is in the business of dealing with conscience. The difficulty with letting our conscience be our guide is that we can shape it, dull it, twist it, and practically lead it around, however we want to go. It seems as if we can make our consciences guide us wherever we want. The Christian's answer, of course, to this is that conscience—mind, heart, will—must be surrendered to Christ and brought under His control. His life, teachings, death, resurrection, give us the clue to His divinity and cause our hearts to break in loving gratitude for what He has done in breaking the power of evil over us.

## Illustrations of Following Bad Consciences

History shows many examples of what a poorly developed conscience can produce. Remember the case of Pontius Pilate. Here was a man who had opportunity to save Jesus from the cross. He had the authority to dismiss the case against the Saviour. Instead, he weakly gave in to the mob.

Pilate did show that he had a conscience. It is possible that in his heart he hoped that

the crowd would not choose the infamous criminal Barabbas to be released to them. Pilate's own wife had advised him to have nothing to do with the innocent Jesus. Pilate, however, followed the crowd's bidding. That his conscience had pricked his heart, was evidenced by his next act. He called for a basin of water and washed his hands, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just person." Whereas he did not actually nail Jesus on the cross, he did nothing to save him from crucifixion. His conscience was so weak he could soothe it by the mere act of washing his hands.

A bad conscience is the same in all ages. Look at Charles IX of France after the massacre of St. Bartholomew; Richard, frenzied on Bosworth field; Lady Macbeth, who cries, "Yet here's the spot. What! Will these hands never be clean again?"; Hugo's Jean Valjean, whose conscience gives him no rest day or night until he makes the great confession that can scarcely be believed.

Conscience is like a watch,—it may look right, and you may go by it on the assumption that it is right, and find that you have missed your train because it was wrong, after all. The watch must be set by the sure time, and regulated from time to time.

A conscience may be out of order as well as a compass, and the needle may point due south if you hold a powerful magnet in that direction. Still the compass, generally speaking, is a true and a sure guide, and so is the conscience, if it is not influenced by sinful agencies.

There is one stone in the floor of an old church in Scotland which stares out at you in blood red from the gray stones around it. The legend tells of a murder committed there, and of repeated fruitless efforts to cover the tell-tale color of that stone. Morally, the legend is true; every dead sin sends its ghost to haunt the soul of the guilty.

## Teaching Your Conscience

The development of the Christian conscience is, in the first instance, the result of the Christian training of the home. It is further quickened by our relationship to society. Finally, the Church brings great influences to bear upon the conscience.

A good conscience is possible through a study of the Christian gospel and through prayer that enlists God's help. A good conscience can guide us in our "conduct, intentions, and character" and give us that "feeling of obligation to do right and good."

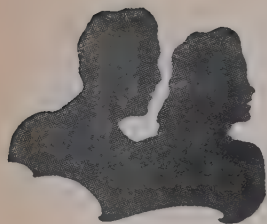
## A Case

Suppose your problem is whether to cheat and pass, or not to cheat and fail a course at school. Your conscience may get you past each question but this one. The only advantage a dishonest person can possibly have is in the midst of honest people. If everybody did what you are tempted to do, would anybody gain? Would the values you hope to gain longer exist?

## 📖 Daily Readings 📖

- M., Apr. 16. Conscience Warns Of Danger. John 16:7-11.  
T., Apr. 17. Conscience Awakens To Good. I Kings 19:12-16.  
W., Apr. 18. Conscience Quickens Unto Wisdom. John 16:13-15.  
T., Apr. 19. Conscience Prevents From Evil. Jonah 4:8-11.  
F., Apr. 20. Conscience Influences For Good. Ecclesiastes 12:1.  
S., Apr. 21. Conscience Guides Into Righteousness. Isaiah 6:8-10.  
Sun., Apr. 22. Topic—Why Listen To Conscience? Proverbs 20:27; Psalm 51:1-13.





# Recreation That Builds Finer Friendships

No. 2 in a Series: "Recreation That Counts"

Colossians 3:1-17

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

APRIL 29

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Last week and this week we are having the opportunity to look over our recreation program. Last Sunday *Recreation That Builds My Body* was discussed. In that topic basic ideas for a good sound recreation program were given. This week, as we study *Recreation That Builds Finer Friendships*, the results of good recreation will be in our thinking.

Perhaps a film strip that would bring out discussion on this particular topic could be shown. It is possible that a review of the past year's recreation program, looking at the results, might prove to be a valuable study.

If the Recreation or Social Chairman of the society would make a good discussion leader, it would be well to have him lead this meeting. In doing this he should be able to better see the faults and values of the past program and future plans, thus benefitting by it. Always strive to improve and better the plan.

Perhaps a debate could be planned for the near future, using some subject as "Resolved: the social life of the Christian Endeavor society is more important than the spiritual." It should bring out some real fireworks!

## What Is Recreation?

We learned last week that recreation is "a re-creating; a refreshment of strength and spirits after toil; a turning aside from a certain course; that which relaxes and amuses; a sport, a pastime." This seems to say that it is something greater than mere exercise or entertainment. Surely our topic today has deep significance. Our social life together should build for deeper personal relations and have lasting consequence.

First of all, it should be observed that "recreation" is not "wreck-creation." Too many forms of youthful entertainment seem to lean toward this negative. Some activities wreck bodies and minds, as well as soul; they destroy friendships and families. One test should always be put to our leisure time programs, "Will this build up or tear down, either myself or others?"

## Aims For A Recreation Program

Recreation is not only for the purpose of being beneficial to our bodies, but also for our minds and spirits. At most Christian Endeavor socials there are strangers and non-Christians in the midst. Christian young people should always be aware of this, striving to win these folks for Christ. They may also win them for themselves as their own friends.

Each activity should begin with an "ice-breaker." This is just what it says it is. There should always be some game or activity that will include every one present. It should make the players have to talk with one another, learn each other's name and laugh together.

## A SEED THOUGHT

"True recreation is not Wreck-creation."

## AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To point out that recreation should not only build the body, but also the mind and spirit.

2. To study activities that create finer friendships; pointing out those that do not benefit their lives.

## FOR CONSIDERATION

1. What is true recreation?

2. What is the difference between recreation and entertainment? Between pleasure and fun?

3. What is accomplished by genuine recreation activities?

4. State a set of goals for the social committee of the society.

5. Define friendship.

6. Is there a difference between a friend and an acquaintance? How would you define the difference?

7. Are there varying "degrees" of friendship?

8. How does recreation build better friendships?

9. Discuss the quotations above in relation to the topic today.

10. How should Christ enter into our recreation? Our friendships?

This type of activity "breaks the ice"; it breaks down barriers of strangeness or timidity and is thus a step toward friendship.

As the program progresses there should be opportunities for display of special abilities through competitive games. Sometimes one of the most retiring or unpopular young people will excel. This is a great lift for this person and often is the first step toward coming out of the "shell" which has long concealed a pleasing personality. The rewards and special recognition afforded by games and the use of skills is heart-warming. Everyone likes to be recognized and appreciated.

## Christian Recreation

Christian recreation develops desirable qualities that build finer friendships. When one joins in a Christian group activity he is expected to exercise courtesy, cheerfulness, honesty, friendliness, justice, patience, kindness, and a sense of humor.

He will expect to find these traits in others also. In the total process impartiality, persistence, organization ability, poise, adaptability, dependability, forcefulness of industry, purpose, tact, and even a degree of reverence may be taught and be strengthened. All these things help develop a more pleasing personality. Without these qualities one may find it difficult to win friends.

Recreational activities make possible laughing together, a valuable experience. This is characteristic of the joy, happiness, and satisfaction of the Christian life. Co-operation as partners is often necessary and a very possible beginning of a fine friendship. At a Christian activity one should be able to find another Christian with the same likes, dislikes, and similar personality.

## Harmful and Helpful Recreation

Certain forms of recreation lead youth into friendships that do not benefit their lives. It is often difficult to tell by a casual examination which is good and which is bad. Indeed, the superior test is always "better or best." Which form of entertainment brings out the best in a young person or his group? A sharp line of demarcation is not always evident between the good and the bad, for certain conditioning factors enter in. There is seldom doubt between the better way, or the best, however.

A worthy test of any activity is the question: "Will this leave me, or my friends, better for the experience, or will it leave me weaker, debilitated, conscience-stricken? Are my friendships enriched or impoverished?" Study can be made by the society, or by individual members, of the activities that create finer friendships, and that help build the character of those participating. No finer project could be set up at this time.

Friendship is a vital element in human society, since man is a social being. It is an essential experience for every person. "For none of us liveth to himself alone—," said Paul. (Romans 14: 7.) We are social creatures, utterly dependent upon God and each other. It is important that our activities enhance this relationship. Christian recreation builds those things that make for finer friendships, for better understanding. If people can work and play together in the name of Christ, they will be better citizens of both the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of men. Someone has said, "A friend is one who knows all about you, and loves you just the same." Is not this the Christian spirit? Our social experiences should strive to justify the confidence of those who trust and love us.

In terms of our planning for Christian Endeavor and personal recreation, consider well the following words of wisdom:

"Pleasure must first have the warrant that it is without sin; then the measure, that it is without excess."—H.G.J. Adam.

"Enjoy present pleasure in such a way as not to injure future ones."—Seneca.

"Fly the pleasure that bites tomorrow."

"He buys honey too dear who licks it from thorns."—Old proverb.

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness: and all these things shall be added unto you."—Jesus.

## From The Book of Books

- M., Apr. 23. An Attentive Reader. Timothy 4:12-16.
- T., Apr. 24. A Personal Letter. Philemon 1:1, 10-19a.
- W., Apr. 25. A New Song. Psalm 149:1-6a.
- T., Apr. 26. A Faithful Visitor. Matthew 25:34-40.
- F., Apr. 27. A Common Fellowship. Acts 2:44-47.
- S., Apr. 28. A Harmonious Conference. Acts 15:22-29.
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## Blessed are the Makers of Peace

"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever," is the Prince of Peace. His church has no escape from its continual task of peace-making. We church youth need to remind ourselves that He did not say, "Blessed are the enjoyers of peace," but "Blessed are the makers of peace."

Our Christian churches have not capitalized on the New Testament Gospel of peace in his mid-Twentieth Century crisis. The churches are so interwoven in the social structure of the nation that in the crisis confronting us they somehow have not been able to see the dangers and sins of society as objects for responsible action, a challenge to fearless leadership.

## The Christian's Responsibility

We cannot escape our personal, group and national responsibility to share in the world's suffering. The Gospel of peace is a Gospel of justice, freedom and brotherhood, a chance for economic security, and opportunities for educational and cultural development.

No person who seeks sincerely to practice the New Testament Gospel of peace can with good conscience fail to be concerned about:

... The use of atomic power for destructive purposes.

... The use of 40 billion dollars in the next fiscal year for proposed national security out of a total budget of billions of dollars.

... The increasing pressure for Universal Military Training.

... The fact that two-thirds of the world's population, including nearly 500,000,000 children are hungry and illiterate.

... The cry of the world's people for freedom everywhere ... freedom from Communist totalitarianism, freedom from racial segregation and discrimination.

## What Can We Do?

The road to peace is not an easy one. Peace makers must expect to pay a price. Discuss the points on individual procedures for peace makers.

I can pray for peace. I can pray that God will guide statesmen in leading the world toward peace. I can pray that God may foil efforts which would prevent the achievement of peace. I can pray that God will help me know "the things which belong unto peace" and, help me to do them. I can even pray for my nation's enemies.

I can read for peace. I can secure and read booklets being used in our church. I can read the Bible for peace. See Genesis 8:1-12; Isaiah 2:1-4, 52:7; Micah 4:1-5; Matt. 5:9; 26:52; Luke 2:14; 19:41-42; Ezekiel 7:25; Rev. 21:1-5.

## OUR AIMS

1. To consider the evils of war.
2. To understand the dangers and hatreds that make for war.
3. To study the equipment of the peace maker.

## QUESTIONS

1. Which brings the more lasting value from our tax money, armaments or homes and education?
2. What positive values for mankind were gained by the Korean conflict? What harmful values were produced in the same war?
3. Someone has said that it is impossible to be a Christian and support war. What do you think about this?
4. How can we make friends of our enemies?
5. Is it wrong to profit financially from a war or defense situation?
6. What was the attitude of Jesus toward the state?

I can seek peace information on radio and television. This calls for wise selection, but there are Presidential addresses on the international situation, panels of speakers—including members of Congress, historians, political scientists, newspaper correspondents—and others.

I can talk for peace. It is not always easy to do so. Sometimes it seems easier to talk for war—to talk tough. It makes one feel strong. But, I will talk for peace.

I can telephone for peace. I can telephone my friends and tell them about peace sermons my pastor has publicized in the bulletin, special meetings held in the interest of peace, peace plays, or United Nations moving pictures and filmstrips.

I can write for peace. If you have a question on State Department policy, write Washington and your letter will be answered. Persons are employed to read your letters, as well as newspapers, magazines, etc., and report to the "higher-ups."

I can support the United Nations. Comparatively speaking, it is one of the cheapest, imperative organizations we support. If civilization is to survive, there must come a world order to which all of the nations are willing to surrender some of their sovereignty. The United Nations is an inexpensive way of settling international disputes and maintaining peace. The total cost of the United Nations

and all of its various agencies for one whole year is only an amount equal to the cost of ten hours of the Second World War.

I can distribute literature, attend local church forums on international affairs, and do other definite things which I am called upon to do.

## How Our Christian Endeavorers Can Be Peacemakers

1. Plan to present a peace play in your local church as a Christian Endeavor project. If other interested churches are nearby, you may be able to present the drama many times. Any financial proceeds may be used to further some project for peace. A drama can be a powerful peace witness.

2. Invite a Korean war veteran to your meeting and have him give you a picture of war. Have him present his ideas for obtaining peace, evaluating the methods of the military in bringing about an enduring peace.

3. Present a series of situation dramas illustrating the need for non-resistance and love in everyday living. Include some controversial dramas that will bring about an active discussion.

4. Invite minority groups to your fellowship meetings and discuss points of mutual concern. If we try to understand our neighbors who believe and act differently than we, it isn't so difficult to realize differences in nations.

## Visual Aids

One World or None—Showing the terrible destructive potential of atomic energy, this film impresses the need for world understanding. (10 min. Sound. \$3.00)

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More for Peace—Here is the story of Bill Grayson, a veteran returning from Korea. He is greatly disillusioned when he finds a complacent community and church. His determination and inspiration challenge the local church to build more seriously for peace. (45 min. Sound. \$10.00).

## Project

Plan a service to emphasize the sacrifices of war and the need for peace in our time for use on Memorial Sunday. Possibly your pastor would agree to use of this service in a congregational period of worship. Stress the opportunity all Christian youth have today of being "peacemakers" by being wholly dedicated to Christ and in making His teachings known to everyone.

## Daily Readings

- M., Apr. 23. The Armour Of Defense. Ephesians 6:11-17.  
T., Apr. 24. The Grace Of Forgiveness. Colossians 3:12-17.  
W., Apr. 25. The Balm Of Love. Galatians 6:1-8.  
T., Apr. 26. The Harmony Of Spirit. I Peter 3:8-17.  
F., Apr. 27. The Secret Of Power. Romans 12:9-21.  
S., Apr. 28. The Victory Of Meekness. I Peter 2:17-25.  
Sun., Apr. 29. Topic—Why Be a Peacemaker? Genesis 26:18-29; Matthew 5:9; Romans 14:19.



## Matched With This Hour

by Amy Deck Faust

Recently a number of people were asked what they most wanted. Some wanted money. Some wanted better health. Others wanted fame. But the one who was most positive in what he wanted was a young boy, not yet seventeen years of age. He wanted "security."

Wanting a measure of security is natural to everyone, but a "big hunk" of security cannot be handed out to any generation. It would be devastating if it could be. A false security would be as deadly as the handicap that falls on those who feel no pain. The few people who have been born without a sense of pain are always in danger. They may fall, but no one can tell the extent of their injuries without complicated tests, for there is no pain. There is no warning of cold, heat, sharpness, or other precautions to keep the person from harm. This deadly absence of pain is far from security.

### True Security Must Be Earned

In almost the same way the absence of danger, incentive, challenge, and conflict would make weakness, insecurity, and quite the opposite of the strength resulting through an overcoming triumph. Just security is not desirable. A cringing plea for security may be an indication of cowardice. No matter what the indications, it is evident that security today cannot be purchased, or given. Any true security must be earned. Security is hard-earned and must be won.

Instead of a craven plea for security, this generation should share with the poet who exclaimed, "God be thanked who hath matched us with this hour." To be matched with this hour is not only a challenge, but also the opportunity of the centuries. At no other point in history has mankind received so much of material blessing and so much opportunity for spiritual happiness. That the fruits of the spirit have not been realized is not the fault of the hour, but of those who have failed to prepare for the hour.

Since tomorrow begins today, and those who deserve the future must prepare for it in the

present, it may well be asked, "How can the challenge of this hour be met by young people of today?" The answer may well be: by dedication; preparation; and utilization.

### Utilize Aids Available

In addition to projection and preparation to be learned there is the need for the careful utilization of the aids available today. The Audio-Visual Resource Guide, (Visual Education Fellowship, 79 East Adams St., Chicago, Ill.) provides a tool for teaching the methods of using the different aids available in the various situations that arise in the teaching experience. Every area of Christian Education is surveyed and available materials listed for use. The age levels of the people involved, the situations in which they are placed, and suggestions for the proper preparation and follow-up are given. It is no wonder that great tools, and great aids, are given in an hour of great need.

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Timothy J. Kribs is leading the Christian Endeavor work in Oregon while preparing for the ministry at Northwest Christian College at Eugene. His mother, Mary Guiley Kribs, is a former president of Oregon Christian Endeavor Union.

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